

Rhode Island Charter Schools:

2015-16 Charter School Annual Performance Review and Renewal Process Overview (Part 1)

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Presentation Overview



Objective: Inform the Council on how the new charter performance review system informs both the 2015-16 annual performance ratings and 2017 charter renewal process.

Part 1: April 18th Council Meeting

- Recap the new charter performance review system.
- Walk through the 2015-16 charter high-level annual performance ratings.
- Identify timeline for the 2017 charter renewal process.
- Walk through the current tier designations for 2017 charter renewals.

Part 2: May 9th Council Meeting

- Respond to follow up in-depth questions posed by the Council.

Recap: Charter Performance Review System



- Result of year-long development process in coordination with charter leaders and national experts.
- Reviewed with the Council during the Sept. 20, 2016 meeting.
- Objective: Enables RIDE to inform charter annual performance ratings and recommendations to the Council for renewal decisions.
- Implementing for the first time this spring.
- Focus on key values of transparency, clarity, consistency, and academic performance as the #1 priority.

New System: Key Features



- Four overall indicators that annually evaluate each charter school's cohesive performance:

Primary Indicator	Academic
Sustainability Indicators	Financial, Organizational, and Sustainability

- Each indicator contains multiple, clear performance criteria (43 total criteria across all indicators) that receive an individual rating.
- Each indicator's specific criteria ratings inform an overall indicator rating.
- Charters receives a detailed annual report that identifies their ratings for each individual criteria and overall indicators.

Academic Performance Indicator



Contains two sub-indicators:

Sub-Indicator:	Annually Reported:	Criteria:
(1A) School Performance	Always	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Accountability Classification (CIS)• School-Specific Goals
(1B) School Comparison	If (1A) School Performance rated as "Approaches" or "Does Not Meet" Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School-Specific Goals• Comparison to Enrolling Districts• Subgroup Proficiency• Growth (Elem/Middle) or Graduation Rate (High)

Informing the Renewal Process



Once the renewal process starts, charters sorted into clear, differentiated tiers based on historic annual performance ratings.

Renewal Tier	1	2	3	4
Overall Performance	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Approaches Expectations	Does Not Meet Expectations
Renewal Process	Expedited	Standard	In-Depth	In-Depth
Potential RIDE Renewal Recommendation	5-year renewal (with potential discussions about growth)	5-year renewal	Possible 5-year renewal with sustainability conditions	Either non-renewal or 3-year renewal in specific circumstances

2015-16 Charter Performance Annual Ratings



- Walk through on a school-by-school basis.
- Identifies high-level overall rating for each indicator:
 - E = Exceeds Expectations
 - M = Meets Expectations
 - A = Approaches Expectations
 - DNM = Does Not Meet Expectations
 - NR = Not Rated (Academic focused: either the school does not yet have tested grades or has insufficient data to receive a total CIS)
 - NA = Not applicable
- Also provides high-level background overview of school (ex: grades, when the charter will be up for renewal).

2017 Charter Renewal Process



- **Overview:** includes 8 charters, encompassing 11 total schools
- **Initial Renewal Tier designations:** Based off of two most recent years of available data:
 - Academic: 2013-14 and 2015-16 (excludes 2014-15 due to accountability transition)
 - Financial, Organizational, Compliance: 2014-15 and 2015-16
 - Schools receive “No Tier” designation if they have insufficient data in either year.
- **Renewal Timeline:**
 - 1) Charters submitted initial renewal application in early 2017
 - 2) Differentiated site visits (based on initial tiers) in April/May 2017
 - 3) Tiers updated based of 2017 performance results and site visits
 - 4) RIDE issues final report to school, school provided opportunity to respond
 - 5) Council renewal decisions in fall/winter 2017

2017 Charter Renewal Process Walk-Through



- Walk through on a school-by-school basis
- Focus on identifying:
 - Each school's current initial tier
 - Performance ratings that identified each school's initial tier
- Note: 2016-17 ratings currently identified as TBD (which will be used to inform the school's final tier).
- Want to avoid pre-judgement of renewal recommendations for specific schools.

Questions?:

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